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Date: 1923

Location: Bridge St. at the Fore River Weymouth, Norfolk County,
Massachusetts.

Owner: Edison Electric Illuminating Company.

Designer: Architects, Stone and Webster
Consultants, Bigelow and Wadsworth

Significance: The multi-story Industrial Gothic central generating station was built in 1923 as a supplement to Edison's L St. Generating Plant. Named after company president Charles Edgar, the plant produced steam at 1200 pounds pressure, more than double the pressure that had ever been used before to run a pair of high pressure turbines. The plant was among the very early steam-electric stations to produce a kilowatt hour for less than a pound of coal. It was in 1930 the largest tidewater electric plants in the East. The station was closed in 1970 and in 1976 was named a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark. Today the plant remains vacant.

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